

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(2)

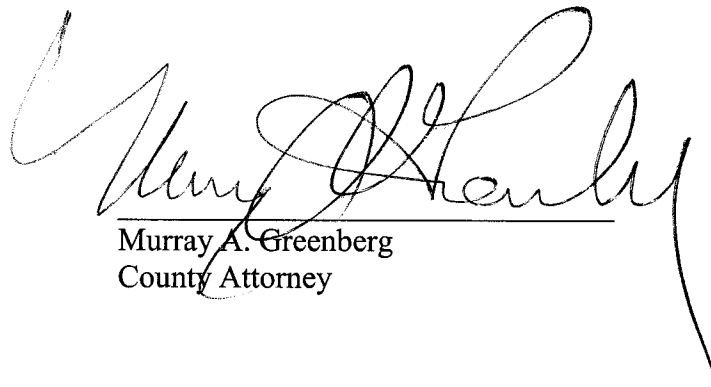
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 20, 2005

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to
banning employers from
prohibiting employees from
having guns in their locked
cars at work

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson and Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.



Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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12-20-05

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
DEFEAT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD BAN EMPLOYERS
FROM PROHIBITING EMPLOYEES FROM HAVING GUNS
IN THEIR LOCKED CARS AT WORK**

WHEREAS, during the 2005 legislative session, the Florida Legislature passed a bill, SB 436, that significantly broadened the circumstances under which a person is allowed to shoot another in self defense; and

WHEREAS, bills have been filed for the 2006 legislative session, SB 206 and HB 109, that would ban employers from prohibiting employees from having guns in their locked cars at work; and

WHEREAS, figures from the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics show that shootings accounted for 75 percent of the workplace homicides in the United States last year; and

WHEREAS, a study published by the American Journal of Public Health has found that workplaces where guns are allowed are about five times more likely to experience a homicide as those where weapons are prohibited,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges lawmakers to defeat legislation that would ban employers from prohibiting employees from having guns in their locked cars at work.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Chair and members of the Miami- Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. This Board directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate against the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2006 State Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson and Commissioner Sally A. Heyman offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of December, 2005. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

JMM

Jess McCarty